

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/917,087

Examiner

Matthew Landau

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed September 7, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,6,8,14 and 17-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/02, 07/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1, line 22 of the specification, replace "[Pending]" with "US Pat. 6,636,290".

Response to Amendment

The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed September 7, 2005 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 4, 6, and 8 based upon a 102(e) rejection over US Pat. 6,485,599.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 6, 8, 14, and 17-23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 4, the prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, does not disclose or suggest the combination of limitations including applying a non-epoxy glue sealant along an outer periphery of a first substrate; and irradiating the glue sealant with laser beam irradiation that is incident onto one of the first or the second substrates, so that the laser beam

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subtends an angle at non-normal incidence with respect to the first or second substrate receiving the laser beam radiation.

Regarding claim 6, the prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, does not disclose or suggest the combination of limitations including applying a non-epoxy glue sealant along an outer periphery of a first substrate; and irradiating the glue sealant with laser beam irradiation from a continuous (CW) laser.

Further regarding claims 4, 6, and 8, note that the 1.132 declaration filed September 7, 2005 effectively states that the subject matter of US Pat. 6,485,599 has the same inventive entity as the claimed invention (i.e., not “by another”) and therefore does not qualify as prior art usable in a 102(e) rejection of those claims.

The reasons for allowance of claims 14 and 17-23 were given in the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2005.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew C. Landau whose telephone number is (571) 272-1731.

The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached

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on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and (571) 273-8300 for After Final communications.

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